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TO A POPULATION OF ORIGIN BASED ON
MULTI-LOCUS GENOTYPES

COMMUNICATION REGARDING EXTENSION FEES

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Dear Sir:

A final office action dated August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 9) was received by Applicants for the above-referenced matter on August 27, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 on January 22, 2004 in response to the final office action, after the three-month deadline of November 25, 2003. A two-month extension of time fee (\$210.00) was filed with this amendment.

Filed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months and fee, thereby extending the deadline for the filing of the Notice of Appeal from November 25, 2003 to February 25, 2004. A two-month extension of time fee (\$210.00) was already submitted with the filing of the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 dated January 22, 2004. The total extension fees due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$475.00 (\$475.00 for three-months extension minus the two-month extension (\$210.00) fee that has already been paid).

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